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PART 1. -- GENERAL

101. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL, PROFESSIONAL, OR PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS.

1. The purpose of this message is to restate the policies of the Departments of the Army and Air Force and the National Guard Bureau with respect to the attendance of Army and Air National Guard personnel at activities of private or non-governmental organizations, societies or associations, including technical and professional societies. This applies to such organizations as the National Guard Association of the United States, Adjutants General Association and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, which are considered professional associations.

2. National Guard personnel may not attend such meetings in Full Time Training Duty (FTTD), Active Duty for Training (ADT), or Annual Training (AT) status without specific authorization from the National Guard Bureau. This will normally be authorized only when representing the National Guard Bureau.

3. As to the use of travel funds, 37 USC 412 states that "appropriations of the Department of Defense that are available for travel may not, without the approval of the secretary concerned or his designee, be used for expenses incident to attendance". For military personnel, authority of the secretaries of the Army and Air Force under 37 USC 42 to approve the use of travel funds have been delegated to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, by AR 1-211 AFR 30-9, subject to the policies and limitations of those regulations. This precludes the attendance of USPFO's or personnel in FTTD, ADT, or AT status at Government expense except for members officially representing the National Guard Bureau and authorized by the Chief, National Guard Bureau.

4. Pursuant to the foregoing law and regulations, the following will apply to subject meetings:

a. USPFO's will attend all Annual meetings of the NGAUS and Semi-Annual meetings of the AGA as part of the NGB official representation.

b. Technicians attending at Government expense will be limited to two per state and must be determined by the Adjutant General to meet the criteria established in TPM 400 (410.8).

c. Technicians may be granted excused absence in accordance with TPM 600.11 to attend when other than at Government expense if the Adjutant General or his designee determines that such attendance could benefit the technician's understanding and performance of assigned duties. Similarly, military personnel (USPFO's) may be authorized administrative absence (Army) or permissive TDY (Air) to attend without expense to the Government.

d. Personnel who are not attending such meetings in an official Government travel status, excused or administrative absence, or permissive TDY must be in a leave status as appropriate, to include, for technicians, the use of Leave Without Pay or Compensatory Leave where applicable.

5. Each state is requested to closely adhere to the above law, regulations and policies to preclude the misuse of federal funds and prevent possible embarrassment to the National Guard.

PART 2. -- PERSONNEL

201. REQUIREMENT FOR NOMINATION OF ARNGUS SERVICE MEMBER FOR A SPECIAL ADT TOUR.

1. A requirement exists for qualified service member for assignment as EPMS Coordinator, Hq TRADOC, Ft Monroe, VA.

2. The service member will be ordered to ADT under the provisions of Section 672 (D) Title 10, USC. The normal tour of duty is two years, unless sooner reassigned.

3. Nominees should be advised that their nomination does not constitute final selection and plans for entry on ADT should not be made until final notification.

4. Brief job description:

a. Serves as action NCO in RC training program providing expertise in matters of implementing EPMS in the ARNG.

b. Assists in other branch actions pertaining to ARNG, related enlisted matters and maintains coordination with NGB, OCAR, FORSCOM & RCPAC as required in section operations.

5. It is requested that the most qualified service member who meets the prerequisites and who will be available for duty on or about 1 May 1977, be nominated to the Chief, NGB not later than the date specified.

6. Prerequisites are:

a. E8/E9.

b. Mandatory Retirement Date no earlier than 1 June 1979.

c. Active ARNG service member not on AD (other than Statutory/ADT Tour) at the time of application.

d. Must possess a comprehensive knowledge of ARNG organization, operation, and enlisted personnel policy and procedures.

e. Request for Waivers must be justified.

f. Type A Medical Examination must have been completed within one year prior to start of tour.

g. Secret or higher Security Clearance (mandatory).

7. Each nomination must be accompanied by:

a. Completed NGB Form 34. Amend item 8 to read Mandatory Removal Date.

b. Copy of updated DA Form 20 or 2-1.

c. Copy of SF 88 & 93.

d. Recent full-length photo of nominee in Class A Uniform at least 3 by 5 inches.

e. Certificate from state Adjutant General concerning following to be included in nomination letter:

- (1) Security Clearance information in item 11, NGB Form 34.
- (2) Mandatory Removal Date at item 8 of NGB Form 34.
- (3) Approximate credit service toward 20 years (AD) retirement.

8. Require this announcement be given widest dissemination to include current tour personnel and nominations be forwarded to CNGB, ATTN: NGB-ARP-M, to arrive NLT 15 April 1977.

9. Negative Reports are not required.

202. TECHNICIAN VACANCY.--The following technician vacancy is announced in the Montana Army National Guard. Refer to Technician Vacancy Announcement posted on unit bulletin boards for details.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Arcft Prop Mech	Helena MT	WG-10

203. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONTANA ARNG TECHNICIAN ASSIGNMENTS.--The following technician assignments and promotions are announced in the Montana Army National Guard for the month of February.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
MUNRO, RICHARD J. Admin Aviation Asst	Helena MT	GS-05
JOHNS, THOMAS H. Payroll Clerk	Helena MT	GS-05
CHANDLER, RICHARD A. General Supply Asst	Billings MT	GS-06
BUTTERTON, JAMES T. Admin Supply Tech	Helena MT	GS-05
YETTER, CRYSTAL M. Procurement Clerk	Helena MT	GS-05
BROWN, DUANE G. Admin Supply Tech	Sidney MT	GS-07
PROULX, MICHAEL Jr Admin Supply Tech	Butte MT	GS-07

PART 3. -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

PART 4. -- SUPPLY

401. ALL PURPOSE LIGHTWEIGHT INDIVIDUAL CARRYING EQUIPMENT (ALICE).--
a. Change 1, CTA 50-900 provides authorization for new type individual field equipment described as All Purpose Lightweight Individual Carrying Equipment and referred to commonly as ALICE. Although this equipment bears the same Line Item Numbers as the old equipment, it is Standard A and the other items are Standard B. ALICE has been coming into our inventory for some time now through replacement actions. The use and care of ALICE is described in Training Circular (TC) 10-19.

b. Units are requested to submit Request for Issue (DA Form 2765) to the USPFO for the difference between on-hand quantities and their PAS authorized quantity. Care must be taken to physically inventory and identify on-hand equipment to preclude duplication of requirements. Should the request be established as an unfinanced due-out, units will continue to request items required for immediate replacement and the due-out will be adjusted when the requisition is released to the Army Supply System.

c. The prescribed Basis of Issue (BOI) for non-airborne units is listed below:

B59567 - Belt Individual Equipment: Webbing OD 7 MRWR

D11812 - Carrier Intrenching Tool: Webbing Olive Drab MRWR

D64043 - Case Field First Aid Dressing Unmounted Magnetic Compass: OD

D70550 - Case Small Arms Ammunition: Nylon DK OD 7 M16 Rifle 3-30 Rds Mag (2 each)

F30391 - Cover Water Canteen: Webbing OD 7 MRWR

H39835 - Field Pack Canvas: Combat Olive Green 106 Medium

U48674 - Strap Tie Down Cargo: (2 each)

U73323 - Suspenders Field Pack

402. FOOD SERVICE, BASIC DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE.--a. The BDFA for the month of March 1977 has been increased to \$2.91.

b. The maximum authorized meal purchase rates per person, based on this BDFA are as follows:

(1) Meals served in messhalls or armories.

Breakfast = \$.87 ($2.91 + 50\% \times .20\%$)

Lunch = \$1.75 ($2.91 + 50\% \times .40\%$)

Dinner = \$1.75 ($2.91 + 50\% \times .40\%$)

(2) Commercially prepared meals served by Contractors (enlisted persons only).*

Breakfast = \$1.75 ($2.91 \times 3 \times .20\%$)

Lunch = \$3.49 ($2.91 \times 3 \times .40\%$)

Dinner = \$3.49 ($2.91 \times 3 \times .40\%$)

*Officers and all personnel in a per diem status must pay for their own meals when furnished by a contractor.

PART 5. -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

PART 6. -- MAINTENANCE

601. INSPECTION AND LOAD TESTING OF LIFTING DEVICES.

1. Periodic load testing of materiel is suspended pending revision of TB 43-0142.

2. Wreckers, recovery vehicles, and materiel defined as lifting devices in paragraphs 3a and 6b(3)(c), TB 43-0142, will be inspected daily by the operator/user and annually by OMS personnel. Inspection procedures contained in the appropriate appendix to TB 43-0142 and/or the equipment technical manual will be followed.

3. Load testing is required only under the following conditions, and provided that specific standards and procedures are published in TB 43-0142 or the equipment technical manual:

a. Prior to use of new equipment.

b. Prior to use of equipment following modification, repair, or replacement of any load bearing component.

c. When specifically prescribed by the equipment technical manual.

4. Accomplishment of the annual inspection or load testing will be recorded on DA Form 2409 and DD Form 314.

5. Materiel identified in paragraph 2, above, will be marked with the load rating and the date of the next annual inspection, or the date of the next load test if applicable.

602. MATERIEL READINESS REPORT (DA FORM 2406).

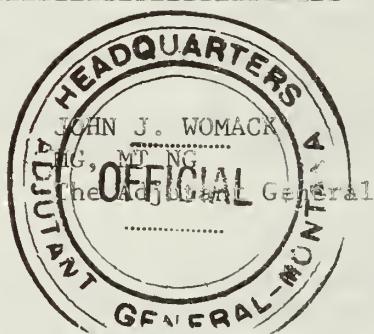
1. Units and activities are reminded that 20 March 1977 is the cut-off date for the Materiel Readiness Report (DA Form 2406).

2. Since the 1st Squadron and the 3669th will be at Annual Training on

20 March, request the form be completed at Camp and turned into COL Upshaw at Fort Irwin and LTC William Liston at Boise, Idaho prior to return to home station. To assist you in this matter, CSMS and WETS have been instructed to furnish status information on vehicles on-hand at these activities prior to departure for Annual Training. In addition, LTC Liston will get status of vehicles in Idaho for 1st Squadron and forward MATES or phone the information to Fort Irwin.

PART 7. -- SAFETY

PART 8. -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY



PART 9. -- UNOFFICIAL

901. IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN.--Guardsmen should be aware that several changes have been made in the federal income tax reporting laws affecting both guard pay and active duty pay.

In addition, rule changes not specifically directed to guardsmen may sometimes be applied to guard situations.

Important to remember is that the IRS maintains a toll free telephone number which taxpayers are urged to use to submit questions concerning tax reporting problems. The number is: (1-800-332-2275). Further, the IRS publishes a small booklet to help people fill out their forms. Ask for Publication No. 17 from your nearest IRS office.

In filling out tax returns for 1976, taxpayers can claim a general tax credit on income earned, and many taxpayers can benefit through credits for child and dependent care.

Also there are new rules out for military moves, military disability pensions, and sick pay. Be sure to check these different angles out--you may save yourself some money.

For 1977 Tax Year:

A part-time guard employee not covered by a pension plan is no longer excluded from purchasing individual retirement accounts (IRAs) merely for participation in the guard. Contact CPT Frank Smoyer at 449-3859 for details.

Military pay will start withholding for Montana state income tax. Be sure to include both salary and withholding on the state income tax forms.

REPORTABLE INCOME

If you are required to turn over your guard two week camp paycheck to your civilian employer, insure that your civilian employer's W-2 report has deducted this amount (no fun paying tax once, byt paying twice is a tragedy). Remember subsistence quarters, uniform allowance, meal allowance and any furnished "in kind" rations, transportation and lodging are non-taxable.

Additionally, if you work for two or more employers, you might have overpaid FICA.

DEDUCTIONS

The guardsmen should also be aware that they are engaged in a trade or business for tax purpose and, as such, "ordinary and necessary" expenses are deductible. Most guardsmen could profit (increased after tax income) by examination of their recording methods.

Commuting expenses are non-deductible although two special cases are of interest to part-timers. If you are required to leave your civilian job and travel directly to the hill, you may qualify for a one way commuting expense. If you are an out-of-towner and are away from your tax home overnight, you can deduct unreimbursed transportation expenses and other unreimbursed expenses for meals and lodging.

Unreimbursed uniform purchase and maintenance is deductible. Dues to the club are not deductible, but dues to associations that supply information, increase benefits and advance the guardsmen military position are deductible.

902. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.--The following officers received Federal recognition.

CRASE, WILFRED F. MAJ SHHD MT ARNG	20 Oct 76
FOLEY, GORDON D. MAJ HHT(-) 163d AC	4 Nov 76
HANLEY, EDWARD J. MAJ HHT(-) 163d AC	3 Nov 76
SMITHERS, JERRY C. MAJ HHT(-) 2/163d AC	20 Oct 76
ZILLA, GARY R. CW2 Trp N(Air)(-) 163d AC	10 Sep 76

